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A.—(a) The fact is as stated.

(b) At present, Boyas, Kapus, Lingayats and Depressed classes bury the dead bodies in vanka poramboke S. No. 46, which is 450 yards away from the village and Muhammadans in a patta land S. No. 8-B belonging to one Baba Sahib and Sattar Sahib.

(c) The Government understand that the District Health Officer has made certain proposals and that the matter is pending with the Adoni Taluk Board.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Amendments to the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

*81 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when amendments to the Hindu Religious Endowments Act are to be made;

(b) whether the Religious Endowment Board or anybody else has drawn his attention to the ruling in A.I.R. 1927, Madras, page 338, 1928, Madras, page 955, and 58 M.L.J., page 104, and to the fact that kattalais, though religious endowments, do not come within the purview of section 73 of the Endowments Act; and

(c) whether the hon. the Minister proposes to get the defects in section 73 removed by bringing all special trusts, whether independent or subordinate or ancillary, to the general endowments brought within the scope of section 73 by suitable amendments of section 73?

A.—(a) to (c) Government are aware of the High Court's decision and the question of amending the Act is under consideration.

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—"Is the hon. the Minister aware that during the last five years much injustice has been caused by the fact that kattalais, though religious endowments, do not come within the scope of section 73 of the Endowments Act, and if so, what steps have been taken to remedy this state of affairs?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"I am sorry, I am not responsible for what happened during that period." (Laughter.)

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—"Does the hon. the Minister propose to take action at all?"

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—"May I know whether the Government have called for suitable amendments from the Hindu Religious Endowments Board?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU:—"There are already amendments sent up by the Religious Endowments Board and they are being considered by the Government."

Agriculture

Agricultural demonstrations in the Chittoor district.

*82 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many agricultural demonstrators are there in the Chittoor district and what is their jurisdiction respectively;

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(b) whether the Government propose to conduct agricultural demonstration farms in each division in Chittoor district on its own responsibility and demonstrate to the ryots the cheapest way of conducting such farms;

(c) whether the Government propose to raise experimental gardens in each division in the Chittoor district; and

(d) whether they will consider the advisability of raising mango and orange gardens in chosen spots in Chittoor district?

A.—(a) There are four demonstrators who are in charge of the taluks of Madanapalle, Palmaner, Chittoor and Tiruttani, respectively.

(b) No. Demonstrations are arranged for in co-operation with interested ryots in certain centres in each taluk in which a demonstrator is working.

(c) No.

(d) The establishment of a fruit research station at a suitable place in the plains is under consideration. The Government will consider the desirability of establishing mango and orange gardens in the Chittoor district if any landlord of the place is willing to offer suitable land and to meet the expenses involved.

Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar:—"May I know if any landlords have addressed the Government in the matter?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"If any landlord seeks the advice of the Government, then they will be glad to oblige him, and if my hon. Friend can give the names of such landlords, Government will be glad."

Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar:—"There is the Vicharanakartha of the Tirupati Devasthanam who can be induced to do it."

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"If he writes, certainly the department will give him all the facilities."

Public Works

Recommendations of the Workshops Committee for placing orders for workshop manufactures.

* 83 Q.—Mr. H. F. P. Hearson: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact

(i) that the Workshops Committee presided over by the Raja of Ramnad reported in 1926 that every Department of Government on the look-out for workshops manufactures should be required to make enquiries at the Public Works Workshops before placing orders with private firms;

(ii) that departmental orders have subsequently been issued to the effect that all iron and steel works costing more than Rs. 100 should be done at the Public Works Workshops irrespective of cost, an exception only being made in case the work is specially urgent, Public Works Department are unable to undertake it, and the outside agency is able to complete it in a specified time; and